

**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
VETERAN'S PREFERENCE CLAIM FORM**

VETERAN'S PREFERENCE: Check the appropriate block if you are claiming veteran's preference. Documentation substantiating your claim must be furnished at the time of application. Per Florida Statutes, Chapter 295.07, veteran's preference points will be awarded on promotional exams only with regard to a veteran's first promotion after reinstatement or re-employment with the City after active duty service. Per Chapter 98-33, Laws of Florida, effective April 29, 1998, veteran's preference is only available to Florida residents. Indication of residence is usually voter registration, drivers license, physical location of home, application for homestead exemption, and application filed with the Circuit Court indicating intent to be a Florida resident.

CHECK ONE ONLY

REQUIRED PROOF

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| | A veteran with a compensable service-connected disability who is eligible for or receiving compensation, disability retirement or pension under public laws administered by the U.S. Veteran's Administration and the Department of Defense (10 points), <u>or</u> | DD214 or equivalent showing date of induction, date of separation, character of service, <u>and</u> document (dated within the past 12 months) from the Veteran's Administration, Department of Defense or the Division of Veteran's Affairs certifying the existence of a service-connected disability and the percent of the disability. |
| | The spouse of a disabled veteran (who cannot qualify for employment because of a total and permanent disability), or the spouse of a veteran missing in action, captured or forcibly detained by a foreign power (10 points), or | DD214, copy of marriage license and statement that spouse is still married; certification from the Department of Defense or the Veteran's Administration that the veteran is totally and permanently disabled and cannot qualify for employment due to a service-connected disability; or in the case of an M.I.A., a document from the Veteran's Administration or Department of Defense certifying such a condition. |
| | A veteran of any war who has served on active duty for at least one (1) day and who was discharged or separated with an honorable discharge from the Armed Forces of the United States of America if any part of such active duty was performed during a wartime era (5 points). Active duty for training is not allowable, <u>or</u> | DD214 or equivalent showing date of induction, date of separation and character of service. |
| | The unmarried widow or widower of a veteran who died of a service-connected disability (5 points). | DD214, document from Department of Defense or Veteran's Administration certifying service-connected death of the veteran, evidence of marriage and statement that spouse is not remarried. |

BRANCH OF SERVICE

DATE OF ENTRY

DATE OF DISCHARGE

Note: Under Florida law preference in appointment and employment shall be given, by the state and its political subdivisions, first to those persons included in 1 and 2 above, and second to those persons included under 3 and 4 above. If any applicant claiming veteran's preference for a vacant position is not selected for the position, they may file a complaint with the Division of Veteran's Affairs, P.O. Box 1437, St. Petersburg, Florida 33731. A complaint shall be filed within 21 days after notice of a hiring decision. If a notice of a hiring decision is not given, a complaint may be filed at any time.

I certify that information provided is complete and correct and that any misrepresentation of the claim of preference is grounds for disqualification or candidacy or termination of employment.

Applicant's Signature

Date

SS#

Veteran's Name (if different from applicant)

Veteran's SS#

OFFICE USE ONLY

Award

Date

By

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS
DIVISION OF VETERAN'S BENEFITS AND ASSISTANCE**

Chapter 295.07, Florida Statutes, provides preference in appointment and retention in employment to veterans of any period of wartime service as defined in subsection 1.01(14), Florida Statutes.

Subsection 1.01(14), Florida Statutes, as amended by Chapter 92-80, Laws of Florida, effective April 8, 1992, defines the terms "veteran" and the periods of wartime service as follows:

1.01 Definitions.

(14) The term "veteran" means a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service and who was discharged or released therefrom under honorable conditions only or who later received an upgraded discharge under honorable conditions, notwithstanding any action by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs on individuals discharged or released with other than honorable discharges. To receive benefits as a wartime veteran, a veteran must have served during one of the following periods or wartime service:

(a) Spanish-American War: April 21, 1898, to July 4, 1902, and including the Philippine Insurrection and the Boxer Rebellion.

(b) Mexican Border Period: May 9, 1916, to April 5, 1917, in the case of a veteran who during such period served in Mexico, on the borders thereof, or in the waters adjacent thereto.

(c) World War I: April 6, 1917, to November 11, 1918; extended to April 1, 1920, for those veterans who served in Russia; also extended through July 1, 1921, for those veterans who served after November 11, 1918, and before July 2, 1921, provided such veterans had at least 1 day of service between April 5, 1917, and November 12, 1918.

(d) World War II: December 7, 1941, to December 31, 1946.

(e) Korean Conflict: June 27, 1950, to January 31, 1955.

(f) Vietnam Era: February 28, 1961, to May 7, 1975.

(g) Persian Gulf War: August 2, 1990, and ending on the date thereafter prescribed by presidential proclamation or by law.

The applicant must have served at least 1 day during a wartime period to be eligible for veterans' preference.